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Brucellosis Shipping Guide

For Moving Cattle Within or Out of State Upon Change of Ownership

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A new system of classifying States for levels of brucellosis infection in cattle became effective May 1, 1982. This was accompanied by new standards for blood tests and other requirements for moving cattle within and between States.

These changes were proposed by the U. S. Animal Health Association — a national, nonprofit organization representing livestock industry groups and State animal health agencies. They were published as revisions to the "Uniform Methods and Rules," which sets minimum standards for the cooperative State-Federal brucellosis program. State and Federal brucellosis regulations are based on these standards.

Under the new system, States rather than counties are classified for levels of brucellosis infection. Classifications are Free, A, B, and C. A State may have two areas with different classifications if conditions permit control of cattle movements between the two areas.

Free means having no brucellosis for 12 months. Class A States have herd infection rates no greater than 0.25 percent. Class B States have herd infection rates no greater than 1.5 percent. Class C States are those with herd infection rates greater than 1.5 percent — more than 15 infected herds per thousand.

The following chart provides a handy guide to the requirements for moving cattle within and out of State upon change of ownership.

Official Vaccinates

Unless prohibited by the receiving State, official vaccinates under 12 months of age may move interstate from quarantined herds with approved, written herd plans provided the animals are identified by a hole in the left ear at least three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

Vaccination is recommended for all female cattle moving interstate. This is a recommendation only, but approximately 20 States require that imported cattle be official vaccinates.

Cattle in Western Range States

There is a provision for cattle in western range States to move interstate without testing, provided the herd of origin is not known to be affected, the herd has had a complete herd test within the past 12 months, and no nontested herd additions have been added since the herd test. Further, the move must involve no change of ownership and no contact with cattle not meeting these conditions. The herd test can be waived with the written concurrence of animal health officials in each State.

In All Classes of States

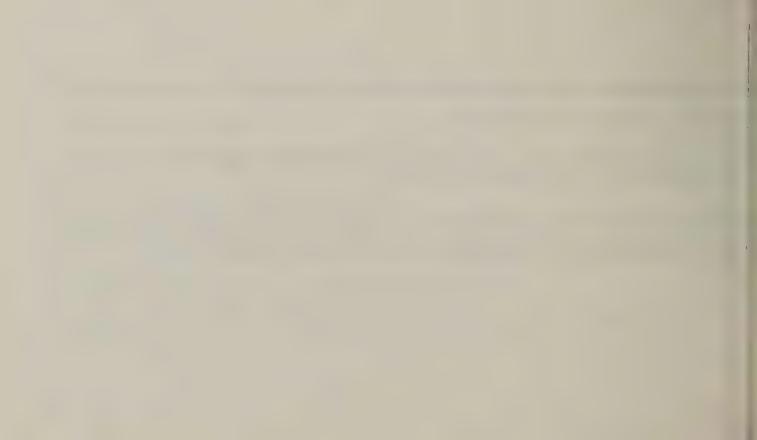
Some cattle from **nonquarantined** herds are always free to move without prior tests. These include:

- Cattle from certified brucellosis-free herds
- All cattle under 18 months of age
- Vaccinated cattle of beef breeds under 24 months of age (if not parturient or post-parturient)
- Vaccinated cattle of dairy breeds under 20 months of age
- Cattle of any age shipped directly to slaughter
- Steers and spayed heifers of any age (they also may move without test from quarantined herds)

You May Need Additional Information

These movement requirements reflect minimum regulatory standards. Individual States may have more stringent requirements.

For additional information, cattle shippers should check with an accredited veterinarian or a State or Federal animal health official. It's a good idea to check with the State veterinarian in the receiving State when shipping to another State.



Class Free – For Feeding		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from nonquarantined herd	Out of State to quarantined feedlot	Certificate*
	Within or out of State to other feedlot	Same as for breeding cattle moving farm to farm
Exposed cattle from quarantined herd	Out of State to quarantined feedlot	S-branded and S-brand permit

Class Free – For Immediate Slaughter		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from nonquarantined herd	Within or out of State direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	Keep source identity
Exposed cattle from quarantined herd	Within or out of State direct to slaughter	S-branded or moved in sealed vehicle and S-brand permit (B-branded if herd is being depopulated with indemnity, plus VS Form 1-27)
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Reactor cattle from **quarantined** herd

Within or out of State direct to slaughter

B-branded and VS Form 1-27

Class Free – For Breeding		
Type Cattle, Orig	in Destination, Routing	g Requirements
All cattle	Within State	None
	Out of State	Certificate*
		Recommended: Postmovement test 45 to 120 days after arrival

Class A - For Fe	eeding	and the second s
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from nonquarantined herd	Within State to quarantined feedlot or quarantined pasture	None
	Out of State to quarantined feedlot	Certificate*
	Within or out of State to other feedlot	Same as for breeding cattle moving farm to farm
Exposed cattle from quarantined herd	Within or out of State to quarantined feedlot, or within State to quarantined pasture	S-branded and S-brand permit
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Туре	Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
	e from quarantined	Within or out of State direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	Keep source identity
	shed-fed cattle quarantined lot	Within or out of State direct to slaughter	None
	osed cattle from rantined herd	Within or out of State from farm of origin direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	S-branded or moved in sealed vehicle and S-brand permit

Class A = For Immediate Slaughter (Continued)

Type Cattle, Origin Destination, Routing

Requirements

Reactor cattle from quarantined herd

Within or out of State direct to slaughter

B-branded and VS Form 1-27

Class A - For Breeding		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from certified-free herd	Within State	Keep source identity
	Out of State	Certificate*
Cattle from	Within State	None
nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd)		Recommended: Postmovement test 45 to 120 days after arrival
	Out of State from farm of origin direct to farm of destination	Tested negative within 30 days before moving plus certificate*

Class A – For Breeding (Continued) Destination, Routing Requirements Type Cattle, Origin Tested negative at stockyard Out of State from farm of Cattle from origin to specifically nonquarantined approved stockyard herd (except certified-free herd) Certificate* con't. Out of State from specifically approved Strongly Recommended: stockyard (in Postmovement test 45 to 120

days after arrival

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Class B - For F	eeding	en de marche de la companya de la c O la companya de la c
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd)	Within or out of State to quarantined feedlot, or within State to quarantined pasture	Tested negative within 30 days before moving, or S-branded and S-brand permit (certificate* also if moving out of State on 30-day negative test)
	Within or out of State to other feedlot	Same as for breeding cattle moving farm to farm
Exposed cattle from quarantined herd	Within or out of State to quarantined feedlot, or within State to quarantined pasture	S-branded and S-brand permit

Class B – For Immediate Slaughter		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from certified-free herd	Within or out of State direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	Keep source identity
Cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd)	Within or out of State direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	Keep source identity
18	Within or out of State from market direct to slaughter	Tested negative within 30 days before moving, or S-branded or moved in sealed vehicle and S-brand permit

Class B – For Immediate Slaughter (Continued)		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Finished-fed cattle from quarantined feedlot	Within or out of State direct to slaughter	None
Cattle from dealer's concentration point	Within or out of State direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	Tested negative within 30 days before moving, or S-branded or moved in sealed vehicle and S-brand permit (none, if movement to slaughter requires no rail or motor carrier transportation)

Class B – For Immediate Slaughter (Continued)		
Type Cattle, Origin Destination, Routing Requirements		
Exposed cattle from quarantined herd	Within or out of State from farm of origin direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	S-branded or moved in sealed vehicle and S-brand permit
Reactor cattle from quarantined herd	Within or out of State direct to slaughter	B-branded and VS Form 1-27

Class B – For Breeding		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from certified-free herd	Within State	Keep source identity
	Out of State	Certificate*
		Recommended: Postmovement test 45 to 120 days after arrival
Cattle from nonquarantined herd (except	Within State	Tested negative within 30 days before moving (may be tested at market with approved lab)
certified-free herd)		Strongly recommended: Retest 45 to 120 days after arrival

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Cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd) con't.	Out of State from farm of origin direct to farm of destination	(1) Tested negative within 30 days before moving, (2) certificate,* (3) permit from receiving State, and (4) quarantined for retest 45 to 120 days after arrival
	Out of State from farm of origin to specifically approved stockyard	Tested negative at stockyard

Class B = For Breeding (Continued)

Type Cattle, Origin

Destination, Routing

Requirements

Cattle from **nonquarantined** herd (except certified-free herd) con't.

Out of State from specifically approved stockyard (in subsequent move) (1) Tested negative within 30 days before moving, (2) certificate,* (3) permit from receiving State, and (4) quarantined for retest 45 to 120 days after arrival

Class C - For Feeding		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd)	Within or out of State to quarantined feedlot, or within State to quarantined pasture	Tested negative within 30 days before moving, or S-branded and S-brand permit (certificate* also if moving out of State on 30-day negative test)
	Within or out of State to other feedlot	Same as for breeding cattle moving farm to farm
Exposed cattle from quarantined herd	Within or out of State to quarantined feedlot, or within State to quarantined pasture	S-branded and S-brand permit

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	Cattle from certified-free herd	Within or out of State direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	Keep source identity
	Cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd)	Within or out of State direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	Keep source identity
		Within or out of State from market direct to slaughter	Tested negative within 30 days before moving, or S-branded or moved in sealed vehicle and S-brand permit
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Class C – For Immediate Slaughter (Continued)		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Finished-fed cattle from quarantined feedlot	Within or out of State direct to slaughter	None
Cattle from dealer's concentration point	Within or out of State direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	Tested negative within 30 days before moving, or S-branded or moved in sealed vehicle and S-brand permit (none, if movement to slaughter requires no rail or motor carrier transportation)

Class C – For Immediate Slaughter (Continued)		
Type Cattle, Origin Destination, Routing Requirements		
Exposed cattle from quarantined herd	Within or out of State from farm of origin direct to slaughter or to market for sale to slaughter	S-branded or moved in sealed vehicle and S-brand permit
Reactor cattle from quarantined herd	Within or out of State direct to slaughter	B-branded and VS Form 1-27

Class C - For Breeding		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Cattle from certified-free herd	Within State	Keep source identity
	Out of State	Certificate*
		Recommended: Postmovement test 45 to 120 days after arrival
Cattle from nonquarantined herd (except	Within State	Tested negative within 30 days before moving (may be tested at market with approved lab)
certified-free herd)		Strongly recommended: Retest within 45 to 120 days after arrival
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Class C — For Breeding (Continued)

Type Cattle, Origin

Destination, Routing

Requirements

Nonvaccinated cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd)

Out of State from farm of origin direct to farm of destination

(1) Two consecutive negative tests at least 60 days apart — the 2nd within 30 days prior to moving (1st valid for 12 months), (2) certificate, * (3) permit from receiving State, and (4) quarantined for retest 45 to 120 days after arrival

Out of State from farm of origin to specifically approved stockyard

Tested negative at stockyard (2nd of two required negative tests 60 days apart — proof of 1st test required)

Class C – For Breeding (Continued)

Type Cattle, Origin

Destination, Routing

Requirements

Nonvaccinated cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd) con't.

Out of State from specifically approved stockyard (in subsequent move)

(1) Two consecutive negative tests at least 60 days apart, (2) certificate, * (3) permit from receiving State, and (4) quarantined for retest 45 to 120 days after arrival

Vaccinated cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd)

Out of State from farm of origin direct to farm of destination

(1) Tested negative within 30 days before moving, (2) certificate, * (3) permit from receiving State, and (4) quarantined for retest 45 to 120 days after arrival

Class C – For Breeding (Continued)		
Type Cattle, Origin	Destination, Routing	Requirements
Vaccinated cattle from nonquarantined herd (except certified-free herd) con't.	Out of State from farm of origin direct to specifically approved stockyard	Tested negative at stockyard (proof of vaccination required)
	Out of State from specifically approved stockyard (in subsequent move)	Certificate, * and permit from receiving State

*A certificate is an official document for shipping domestic animals. Issued at point of origin by a State or Federal official or an accredited veterinarian, it shows individual tag numbers, breed association tattoos, brands, registration numbers, or other individual identification of animals shipped. It also names consignee and consignor; and it shows number of animals involved, points of origin and destination, and purpose of shipment.



